

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 2, line 13, strike out "\$37,323,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$20,723,000".

On page 3, line 11, strike out "\$53,709,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$44,809,000".

On page 6, line 24, strike out "September 30, 2001." and insert in lieu thereof "September 30, 2001: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this heading, \$10,800,000 shall be available for construction, phase III, at the Western Kentucky Training Site, Kentucky, with the amount made available for such construction to be derived from sums otherwise available under this heading for minor construction."

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, the managers amendment includes projects that were accepted by the Armed Services Committee while they were on the floor. We have added the following projects.

First, a consolidated education center for the Army at Fort Campbell, KY.

Second, phase III of the western Kentucky training site for the Army National Guard at Greenville, KY.

Third, phase I of the National Range Control Center at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Fourth, the Undersea Weapons Laboratory at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center at Newport, RI.

The offsets for the Army and Navy projects will come from reductions to the planning and design lines of that service. We are also taking funds from the Army National Guard minor construction account to pay for the one Guard project that is in this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4362) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the bill is deemed read the third time, and passed.

The bill (H.R. 3517), as amended, was deemed read the third time and passed.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote and move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate insist on its amendments and request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to; and the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BYRD CONFEREES ON THE PART OF THE SENATE.

AMENDING SENATE RESOLUTION 246

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 272, submitted earlier today by Senator D'AMATO.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 272) to amend Senate Resolution 246.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 272) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 272

Resolved, That Senate Resolution 246, 104th Congress, agreed to April 17, 1996, is amended in section 1(I)(A), by inserting before the semicolon "incurred during the period beginning on May 17, 1995, and ending on February 29, 1996, or during the period beginning on April 17, 1996, and ending on June 17, 1996".

IRANIAN BAHAI COMMUNITY EMANCIPATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 102.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H.Con.Res. 102) concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, the Senate today will adopt legislation condemning Iran's persecution of the Baha'i community. We have taken similar action in the past, and I regret that our continued vigilance on this matter is required.

We choose today to adopt this legislation in remembrance of a great tragedy for the Baha'i community and for all who value human rights and religious freedom. Thirteen years ago this month, Iranian religious officials executed, by hanging, 10 Baha'i women—including 3 teenage girls—in the city of Shiraz.

This killing of innocent women and children came amid a series of Baha'i executions during the first half of 1983. At the time, President Reagan had expressed America's alarm at the religious persecution of the Baha'is in Iran and had called upon the Iranian leadership to spare the lives of those Baha'is condemned to death in Shiraz. The Iranian response to this plea was to carry out without hesitation the schedule of June executions.

We know that those men, women, and children were executed not for any crimes but for their religious beliefs. We also know the persecution continues to this day in many forms, both great and small.

Thirty-nine other Senators have joined with me in sponsoring this legislation, and the Senate today will unanimously adopt an identical resolution already passed by the House of Representatives. By today's action, the U.S. Senate once again will make clear to all who will listen: "We have not forgotten."

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, at many times during the past 14 years the Congress has condemned the Government of Iran for its repressive policies and actions toward its Baha'i community. Today, I am honored to be celebrating the passage of a resolution which calls on Iran to change its repressive anti-Baha'i policies and to protect the rights of all its people including religious minority groups such as the Baha'is. The concurrent resolution we are adopting today is similar to the one which Senator KASSEBAUM, Senator MCCAIN, Senator DODD, and I submitted in this body in February.

Congress has adopted six previous resolutions on this important issue. The record of their success is certainly a mixed one, at best. Since their enactment, many Baha'is have been penalized by the government, and some even sentenced to death, just because of their religious beliefs. On the contrary, previous resolutions have shown some success as well, particularly in the case of one man who had been sentenced to death for his religious convictions. This man's life was saved as the apostasy case was later overturned by the courts in Iran. Although the relationship between the Baha'is and the Iranian Government has improved since the first resolution was passed, not enough action has been taken. This open policy of repression is in clear violation of the obligation of sovereign states to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In the past, President Clinton and former Presidents Reagan and Bush have all shown support of the Baha'is. The United Nations and many of its member states have also adopted numerous resolutions supporting religious freedom in Iran. Today, in adopting this concurrent resolution, we have succeeded in maintaining vigilance on the actions of Iranian Government. Only through continued support for change in the Iranian regime can over 300,000 Baha'is experience true religious freedom.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered and agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appeared in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 102) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN LANDS IN GILPIN COUNTY, CO

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 297, H.R. 2437.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2437) to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WARNER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed in the proper place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2437) was deemed read the third time, and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, on the Executive Calendar, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar en bloc: Calendar Nos. 633, 634, 635, and 636.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motion to reconsider be laid upon table en bloc; and that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Marcia E. Miller, of Indiana, to be a Member of the U.S. International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

John W. Hechinger, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Vicky A. Bailey, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2001.

NOMINATION OF RAYMOND W. KELLY TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR ENFORCEMENT

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, Raymond W. Kelly may be the most superbly qualified nominee ever nominated to head the enforcement operations of the Treasury Department. From 1992 to 1994, he served as Commissioner of the New York City Police Department, which with 38,000 officers is the world's largest police force.

Over the course of his 32-year career with the NYPD, he served in every rank in 25 different commands. In 1993, he was widely praised for his work in investigating the bombing of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

At a recent event in New York, no less a skeptic than Dan Rather called Ray "the best New York City Police Commissioner since Teddy Roosevelt."

After leaving the NYPD, Commissioner Kelly served the United States as Director of the International Police Monitors of the Multinational Force in Haiti. He was charged with the difficult and delicate task of putting a stop to human rights abuses by the Haitian police. Upon leaving Haiti in 1995, Mr. Kelly was awarded a commendation by President Clinton for exceptionally meritorious service in Haiti. He was also awarded the Commander's Medal for Public Service by Gen. John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Earlier in life, Mr. Kelly served in the U.S. Marine Corps, including combat in Vietnam. He retired with the rank of colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

He is also an attorney with law degrees from St. John's University and New York University. He earned his undergraduate degree from Manhattan College and his master of public administration degree from the Kennedy School at Harvard.

I know Raymond Kelly as a very smart and very tough law enforcement officer. The Senate has acted wisely to confirm him. To Ray, to his wife Veronica, and to their sons James and Gregory, great good wishes and congratulations.

NOMINATION OF MARCIA E. MILLER TO BE COMMISSIONER, INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of the nomination of Marcia E. Miller to become Commissioner of the International Trade Commission, a position for which she is manifestly well-qualified. I do so, Mr. President, without reservation, but with some regret: Ms. Miller has been an invaluable asset to the Finance Committee for nearly a decade.

Ms. Miller started with the committee in January 1987. I take some credit for her long tenure: one of my first accomplishments when I became chairman of the Finance Committee in 1993 was persuading Ms. Miller to serve as our Chief Trade Counselor.

And why? There was simply no better candidate. Ms. Miller has had a hand in

drafting all of the major trade bills of the past decade, beginning with the comprehensive Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988.

As Chief Trade Counselor, Marcia guided the Finance Committee expertly over difficult terrain: our sometimes contentious consideration of the North American Free-Trade Agreement implementing legislation, and our lengthy deliberations over the complex bill implementing the Uruguay round agreements and establishing the World Trade Organization.

Over the past decade, she has grappled with the major trade issues before the Senate—issues such as trade with China, textile and apparel trade, and disputes with Japan. Significantly, I must add to this list the range of the trade laws administered by the International Trade Commission, which she will soon join—the antidumping and countervailing duty laws, safeguards actions against imports, as well as actions under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 protecting against imports of products that infringe intellectual property rights.

Unquestionably, Ms. Miller will bring to the International Trade Commission great expertise in the trade laws. And more. She will bring as well a powerful command of details, and unique skill in forging consensus among persons with widely divergent views. The International Trade Commission will now be the beneficiary of these skills, just as the Finance Committee was for so many years.

Ms. Miller will be an important asset to the Commission. She will bring to the job sound judgment and clear-headed analysis, and she will, I am certain, ensure that the Commission functions as the Congress intended—as an independent fact-finding and adjudicative body free from political pressures.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Ms. Miller's nomination, in thanking her for her years of service to the committee and the Senate and in congratulating her and her family in this richly deserved honor.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

CHANGE OF CONVENING TIME

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previous consent agreement be modified so that the Senate will now reconvene at 8:15 tomorrow morning, and that the time allocated to Senator DEWINE be vitiated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.